

GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

October 31, 2010

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Worship Leader: Pastor Peter

Chorister: Gladys Reimer

Musicians: Julia Dodson, Samantha Claassen, Emma Hilgenfeld

Jesus' Incarnation

Gathering in God's Presence

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

During this time we spend a few moments introducing our guests. We're glad you have come to worship with us. May you sense God's peace and direction as we meet together with our Creator and Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Call to Worship

One: From Bethlehem to Nazareth,
from Jordan to Jericho,
from Bethany to Jerusalem,
from then to now,

All: Come, Lord Jesus!

One: To heal the sick,
to mend the broken-hearted,
to comfort the disturbed,
to disturb the comfortable,
to cleanse the temple,
to liberate faith from convention,

All: Come, Lord Jesus!

One: To carry the cross,
to lead the way,
to shoulder the sin of the world
and take it away,

All: Come, Lord Jesus!

One: Today, to this place, to Grace Hill, to us,

All: Come, Lord Jesus! AMEN

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Hymn No. 315** *This is a story full of love*

Offering our Gifts Grace Hill Scholarship Fund

Hearing God's Word

Children's Story

Penny Hiebert

New Testament Reading Philippians 2:5-11

Grant Claassen

* **Hymn No. 172** *O come, O come, Immanuel* verses 1, 2, 5 & 6

Children to age 5 may be dismissed to the library for child care

Gospel Reading John 1:1-18

Pastor Peter

Sermon *And the Word Became Flesh*

Pastor Peter

Responding to God

* **Hymn of Response No. 498** *He comes to us as one unknown*

Sharing our Stories and Congregational Prayer

Sent by God

* **Sending Hymn No. 575** *Precious Lord, take my hand*

* **Benediction**

Postlude

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

At the conclusion of the worship service we invite the adults to be seated and take a few moments to greet one another while the children are dismissed to their Sunday school classes.

The Adult Sunday School classes will begin

10 minutes after the service is over.

Everyone is welcome!

For Sharing and Prayer

Western District Conference: Pray for Search Committees working to discern whom they should call for their next pastor. Pray God's guidance for pastors seeking their next place of service.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for Phil and Terry Witmer and their sons, Destin and Luke, as they prepare to begin an assignment with the Mennonite church and high school, *Colegio Americano Menno*, in La Mesa, Colombia, next month.

Announcements

In order to fulfill our commitment to the Grace Hill Mennonite college students this school year, the Scholarship Fund needs approximately \$6,400. Please consider this in your giving today.

College-Age Meal: If anyone is interested in hosting a meal or providing food for a college-age meal on December 5, please let Pastor Katherine know. Thank you!

You're invited to join "Prayers of the Church" each Sunday morning from 9:00 – 9:10 a.m. in the classroom next to the kitchen. Please feel free to place prayer requests in the prayer box in the foyer.

Nursery This Sunday: Tammy Regehr and Amanda Regehr

Nursery Next Sunday: Kris Goossen and Rachelle Claassen

Preaching Next Sunday: Pastor Katherine

Ushers Next Sunday: Lon Hiebert and Dean Patterson

Offering Last Sunday: Western District Conference \$1,355.00

Offering Next Sunday: Mennonite Church USA

CHURCH OFFICES

Pastors' Office Hours:

Tuesday-Friday 9:00 a.m. – noon, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. or by appointment

Pastor: Peter Goerzen (for emergencies)

E-mail: pastor@gracehillmc.org

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

E-mail: youthpastor@gracehillmc.org

Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen

Secretary's E-mail: secretary@gracehillmc.org

Church Events

Monday at 7:00 p.m. Administrative Council meets at church.

Wednesday 6:10 p.m. All Church Meal – everyone is invited!
7:00 – 8:15 p.m. Children’s and Youth Programming
7:00 – 7:40 p.m. Adult Book Study with Pastor Peter
7:45 – 8:30 p.m. Adult Choir
Cost of the meal: High School & Adults \$3.00 Children \$2.50

Monday, November 8 Mary Eilerts, well-known Newton quiltmaker, will present a quilt trunk showing and presentation, "What I Have Learned Along the Way," at the next Hands of Friendship meeting on November 8 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Among the items she will talk about and display will be her quilt, "Dear Jane," which received the Grand Champion Award for top quilt at the Kansas State Fair in 2009. Women from area churches are also being invited - bring a friend!

Sunday, November 14 Harvest Thanks Sunday - Del Hershberger, director for Mennonite Mission Network’s Christian Service department will bring the morning message and also share during the S.S. hour. Ron Moyo will share with us in the evening. Ron was born and raised in Zimbabwe and is currently enrolled in Hesston College’s Pastoral Ministries program. See the Harvest Thanks letter in your mailbox today. **For the noon meal:** Social Council will furnish meat and potatoes for the Harvest Thanks meal. Please sign up to bring pie, salad, or zwiebach. The sign up sheet is in the foyer.

Et Cetera

Last chance to purchase tickets for the annual Kidron Bethel Builders Banquet on Tuesday, November 9 at Faith Mennonite Church. Richard Holmgren, comedian and entertainment superstar, will highlight the program. Tickets are \$125, available from Kaye Penner & Doreen Harms. Proceeds from the banquet will benefit the Health Care Benevolent Fund.

The annual meeting of Region III Mennonite Disaster Service will be held November 19 and 20 at Roach, Missouri. A van will leave Hesston Friday, November 19 at 9:00 a.m. Call State Coordinator Gordon Unruh at 620-747-0835 for more information or if you want to share a ride to Missouri. Also, check the bulletin board for registration and other information.

Plan to attend the 5th annual Comforter Blitz for MCC (Mennonite Central Committee) at Yoder, March 7 & 8, 2011. Start making tops now: 60"x 80" is the preferred size with material for back 4" wider on all sides. Call Eileen Burkholder (620) 465-3808 or Debra Selzer (620) 628-4629.

Mennonite Education Agency has a website at www.MennoniteEducation.org/PRAYERS where monthly “Prayers for Faith and Learning” can be accessed. Individuals who are interested in a free subscription to *Prayers for Faith and Learning* (or other MEA publications) may subscribe online at www.MennoniteEducation.org/Subscribe.